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SUBJECT: TEXTILES - COTTON WORKGLOVES

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1. ON DECEMBER 15, THE U.S. WORK GLOVE MANUFACTURER'S  
ASSOCIATION (WGMA) PETITIONED THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
COMMISSION TO "INVESTIGATE AND RELIEVE" ALLEGED MARKET  
DISRUPTION CAUSED BY EXPORTS OF PRC COTTON WORK GLOVES TO  
THE UNITED STATES. THE PETITION CLAIMS THAT GIVEN THE  
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LEVELS OF WORK GLOVE IMPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES RECENT  
INCREASED IN PRC WORKGLOVE SHIPMENTS HAVE "SO SERIOUSLY  
THREATENED THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY AS TO THREATEN ITS VERY  
SURVIVAL." FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1977, U.S. IM-  
PORTS OF PRC COTTON GLOVES WERE 3,865,712 SQUARE YARDS  
EQUIVALENT (SYE). THOSE IMPORTS ARE UP FROM 3,613,992  
SYE FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1976 BUT DOWN FROM

4,232,309 SYE FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1977. ABOUT 15 PERCENT OF ALL U.S. IMPORTS OF COTTON WORKGLOVES COME FROM THE PRC. MOST COTTON GLOVE IMPORTS ARE ASSUMED TO BE WORK GLOVES.

2. THE WGMA'S PETITION ARGUES THAT QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON PRC COTTON WORKGLOVE EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE U.S. WORKGLOVE INDUSTRY. THE WGMA RECOMMENDS SEPARATE QUOTAS FOR WOVEN AND KNIT COTTON WORK GLOVES BASED ON SHIPPING LEVELS DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS. WE ARE POUCHING YOU A COPY OF THE WGMA PETITION WHICH INCLUDES THE STATISTICAL TABLES ON U.S. DOMESTIC SHIPMENTS, EXPORTS, AND IMPORTS OF COTTON WORKGLOVES.

3. THE TRADE ACT'S SECTION 406, WHICH IS APPLICABLE ONLY TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, REQUIRES THE ITC TO DETERMINE WHETHER MARKET DISRUPTION EXISTS FOR A DOMESTIC INDUSTRY FOLLOWING A PETITION SUCH AS THAT OF THE WGMA'S. WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE DATE OF THE WGMA FILING, THE ITC MUST REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT THE RESULTS OF ITS INVESTIGATION. IF THE ITC DECIDES THAT MARKET DISRUPTION EXISTS, IT MUST ALSO REPORT WHAT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IT BELIEVES WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PREVENT OR REMEDY THAT MARKET DISRUPTION. THE ITC MAY NOT RECOMMEND ADJUSTMENT

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ASSISTANCE. WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING AN ITC REPORT RECOMMENDING IMPORT RELIEF, THE PRESIDENT MUST DETERMINE WHETHER HE WILL IMPOSE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, AND IN WHAT FORM. THE PRESIDENT CAN IMPOSE INCREASED DUTIES, A QUOTA, A TARIFF QUOTA, NEGOTIATE AN IMPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENT, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE ACTIONS, OR HE MAY DECLINE TO TAKE ANY ACTION IF HE DETERMINES ACTION WOULD NOT BE IN THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC INTEREST. IF THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION DOES NOT FOLLOW THE ITC RECOMMENDATION, CONGRESS CAN OVERRIDE THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION BY A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AND REQUIRE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURE RECOMMENDED BY THE ITC. VANCE

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